

Appl. No.: 10/825,491

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Response to Office Action Mailed April 16, 2009

## REMARKS:

Applicant appreciates the time and care the examiner has taken in examining the application.

On the Amendments. No new matter is added in the amendment above. Support for the amendment to claim 9 is found in the original specification as published, U.S. Pat. App. Pub. 2004/0209547 at, among other places:

FIG. 11 and accompanying description; and Paras. [0123] - [0126] and [0147] (support for *special chamfering positional mark Stc*);

FIG. 11 and accompanying description; and Paras. [0123] - [0126] and [0147] - [148] (support for *chamfering positional mark Sfc*);

FIG. 11 and accompanying description; and Paras. [0124] and [0148] (support for *sectional shape 32*); and

FIG. 11 and accompanying description; and Paras. [0124] and [0148] (support for *edge sectional shape 33*).

On the Rejections. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections of the claims, for the following reasons. Prior responses to office actions in this application are hereby incorporated by reference into this reply.

Claim 9 as amended is fully distinguished over the disclosure of the cited reference (English language equivalent of U.S. Patent No. 6,688,944), and is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious thereby. In amended claim 9, the following features are claimed:

*displaying a special chamfering positional mark showing a position of the lens shape, a chamfering positional mark showing a most thinning position of an edge thickness and a chamfering width, a sectional shape at the chamfering positional mark of the lens shape and an edge sectional shape at the special chamfering positional mark of the lens shape to carry out a simulation processing of the eyeglass lens based on input matters; and*

*controlling the chamfering of the posterior refracting surface so that a width of the back edge portion in a thickness direction of the eyeglass lens is larger than a width of the front edge portion, changing a state of a chamfering portion in the simulation when the special chamfering positional mark is moved toward the chamfering positional mark.*

It is noted in particular that the cited reference fails to disclose or fairly suggest the step of *displaying a special chamfering positional mark Stc showing a position of the lens shape, a chamfering positional mark Sfc showing a most thinning position of an edge thickness and a chamfering width, a sectional shape 32 at the chamfering positional mark Sfc of the lens shape, and an edge sectional shape 33 at the special chamfering positional mark Stc of the lens shape to carry out a simulation processing of the eyeglass lens.* Moreover the cited reference fails to teach or fairly suggest *controlling the chamfering such that the state of a chamfering portion is changed in the simulation when the special chamfering positional mark Stc is moved toward the chamfering positional mark Sfc.* See Para. [0126] for a description of this aspect of the simulation step.

The cited reference fails to teach or render obvious this combination of features recited in amended claim 9. Accordingly, amended claim 9 and the claims dependent thereon, claims 10-

11, are patentable over the disclosure of the cited reference, being neither disclosed therein nor rendered obvious by the combination of the disclosure with other prior art.

It is thus respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for prompt allowance; and that all of the objections, rejections and requirements raised in the Office action have been met. Early, favorable treatment of this application is requested:

The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned with any questions or comments so that efforts may be made to resolve any remaining issues.

Extension Request and Deposit Account Charge Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including fees for any necessary extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for filing this communication, which extension is hereby requested, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305 of Chapman and Cutler LLP.

Respectfully submitted,

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